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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) GRANT AND LOAN -  
MINDANAO SECONDARY AND FEEDER ROADS PROJECT

REF: MANILA 10462

1. SUMMARY. PROPOSED UPGRADING OF CERTAIN MINDANAO ROADS WOULD PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN RELATIVELY UNDERDEVELOPED AREA OF PHILIPPINES AND WOULD COMPLEMENT OTHER ROAD PROJECTS. MISSION RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE NAC CONSIDERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. ADB MANAGEMENT HAS PROPOSED PROJECT TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF IMPROVING PACKAGE OF SECONDARY AND FEEDER ROADS IN MINDANAO, FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF WHICH TO BE COVERED BY \$100,000 GRANT AND \$500,000 EQUIVALENT LOAN FROM ORDINARY CAPITAL RESOURCES. PROJECT FULLY DESCRIBED IN ATTACHMENTS TO ADB DOCUMENT 67-75 AND IN REFTEL.

3. MISSION UNDERSTANDS PROPOSAL REPRESENTS NEW  
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PROCEDURE FOR ADB PROJECTS. BY COMPLETING FEASIBILITY

STUDIES, COMPLETING DETAILED DESIGNS, IT IS FORESEEN THAT MORE REALISTIC ESTIMATES OF COST CAN BE REACHED FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECT, WHICH BANK APPRAISAL SUGGESTS MAY BE ON ORDER OF \$12-16 MILLION. IF BANK ULTIMATELY FINANCES ROAD PROJECT, IT IS HOPED IN THIS WAY TO AVOID REPEATING RECENT BANK EXPERIENCE WITH COST OVERRUNS, AN OBJECTIVE WHICH MISSION APPLAUDS.

4. PROJECT ITSELF AIMS AT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN ONE OF MOST POORLY-DEVELOPED AND MOST PROMISING AREAS OF COUNTRY, WHERE POOR ROADS HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT BRAKE TO DEVELOPMENT. PROPOSED FEEDER ROADS WOULD COMPLEMENT OTHER BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE FOR ROAD PROJECTS ALREADY COMPLETED, UNDER WAY, OR PLANNED, INCLUDING USAID PROJECTS. IMPROVED FARM-TO-MARKET LINKAGES WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ACCORD WITH GENERAL GOP DEVELOPMENT PLANNING.

5. FOR ABOVE REASONS, MISSION RECOMMENDS NAC APPROVAL OF PROPOSED PROJECT.

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